



# Outreach Notice

USDA Forest Service • Eastern Region

## CHIPPEWA NATIONAL FOREST

Deer River, Minnesota

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### Biological Technician (Plants), GS-0404-5/6/7

Outreach notice valid through **April 6, 2012**

The **Chippewa National Forest** (CNF) is seeking candidates for one permanent full-time position with the Monitoring, Inventory and Survey Team. The duty station for this position is located at Deer River Ranger District in Deer River, Minnesota.

The Monitoring, Inventory and Survey Team (MIST) is a Forest-wide team operating from the Deer River Ranger District. Its primary mission is to collect and manage data for the Forest including threatened, endangered and sensitive (rare) species (TES) surveys and monitoring; noxious weed inventories and assessments; forest inventory support; wildlife monitoring; data storage, tracking and entry; lake surveys; and developing predictive models for assessing TES habitat quality. The Biological Technician (Plants) reports to the Monitoring, Inventory and Survey Team leader, who is a member of the District Leadership Team (DLT).

This position serves as the field botany technician for MIST. Responsibilities are expected to include coordinate field surveys for rare plants and provide guidance to field staff; provide support for the Forest's noxious weed program; serve as direct contact to species experts and official herbariums of record; assist risk assessments and development of survey screening criteria; complete other survey and monitoring assignments; provide local oversight and contract administration for survey contracts for rare species; complete habitat classification and interpretation for threatened, endangered, and other rare species; maintain the Forest's herbarium and oversee preparation of specimens; analyze field data and prepare reports; prepare and deliver presentations to a wide range of audiences, from elementary school classes to training other field going staff to reporting results and recommendations to Forest leadership; and other duties as assigned.

The work requires some physical exertion, such as long periods of standing, walking over rough, uneven or rocky surfaces, recurring bending, crouching, stooping, reaching, or similar activities. Cross-country orienteering by GPS or compass is routine in locations with few to no clear landmarks or reference points. Work requires the use of safety equipment such as boots, gloves, goggles, and hardhats. Employee must exercise safe work practices.

For more information about the position:

Contact Person: Jason Kuiken  
Phone Number: 218-246-3485  
Email address: [jkuiken@fs.fed.us](mailto:jkuiken@fs.fed.us)

If you are interested in the position, please fill out the attached form and send it to *Jason Kuiken* at [jkuiken@fs.fed.us](mailto:jkuiken@fs.fed.us) by **April 6, 2012**.

Thank you for your interest in our position.



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## **ABOUT THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES:**

### **Deer River, Minnesota:** population 973

Deer River is the eastern gateway to Chippewa National Forest. Surrounded by lakes, rivers, and forests, the beauty of this area and outdoors recreation opportunities contribute to a high quality of life for local residents and support a vibrant tourist trade. The cost of living is generally low.

Deer River has a population of 930 residents. The town hosts the high school and elementary school for ISD #317. A hospital and clinic are operated within the city limits. Logging and other forest products are a significant industry in the area. Tourism is active throughout the year with many resorts dotting the surrounding lakes. Deer River is the home of the world's largest Wild Rice Festival.

### **Grand Rapids, Minnesota:** population 10,869| Distance from Cass Lake: 12 miles

Rated one of the best 100 small towns in America, the City of Grand Rapids, on the banks of the Mississippi River, is located approximately 80 miles northwest of Duluth and 175 miles north of the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area. The City serves as the county seat of Itasca County; it is situated at the junction of U.S. Highway 169 and 2 and State Highway 38. Grand Rapids is in the heart of Minnesota's beautiful resort and recreation area. With abundant park and recreation facilities, Itasca County hosts thousands of tourists each year. As a recognized regional center serving a population of approximately 40,000, Grand Rapids enjoys a reputation as one of the top cities in per capita retail sales in the state of Minnesota.

Independent School District #318 serves the Grand Rapids area and operates and maintains five elementary schools, one middle school and one senior high school. There are also six private schools operating within the City. Itasca Community College is located in Grand Rapids and serves more than 1,300 students with a faculty of 40 and an average class size of 24 students.

Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital is one of rural Minnesota's few non-profit, independent, multi-specialty health care facilities. The clinic and hospital employs nearly 600 employees and 50 physicians specializing in family medicine, internal medicine, orthopedics, pediatrics, anesthesiology, cardiology, urology, otolaryngology, pathology and obstetrics and gynecology. A new clinic and hospital facility was opened in 2004.

The tourism industry with its numerous resorts, motels and campgrounds in the area contributes heavily to the local economy. There are more than 100 resorts, motels, campground and bed & breakfasts located in the county. The tourism industry melds well with another major element of the economy - forestry and its related products and activities. UPM Blandin Paper Company operates a large paper mill in the City and is the City's largest employer. County, state, national and private forests are located within Itasca County. The City of Grand Rapids is the regional headquarters for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The Blandin Foundation is also headquartered here, providing grant programs of \$15 million per year to strengthen rural Minnesota communities. Other local industries include mineral processing and agriculture. The work force is highly regarded for both its loyalty and high productivity.

**For further information about the communities go to: <http://www.deerriver.org> or <http://www.grandrapidsmn.org> or <http://www.visitgrandrapids.com> or <http://www.grandmn.com>**



## Outreach Notice Form

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Please respond by **April 6, 2012**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: Work \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Employed with: USFS \_\_\_\_\_ BLM \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Type of appointment: Permanent \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary \_\_\_\_\_ Term \_\_\_\_\_ VRA \_\_\_\_\_

PWD \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Current Region/Forest/District: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Series and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

If *not* a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities:

- \_\_\_\_ Persons with Disabilities
- \_\_\_\_ Veteran Readjustments
- \_\_\_\_ Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability
- \_\_\_\_ Veteran Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- \_\_\_\_ Former Peace Corp Volunteer
- \_\_\_\_ Student Career Experience Program
- \_\_\_\_ Other *please explain*: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you learn about this outreach: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR VACANCY**



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